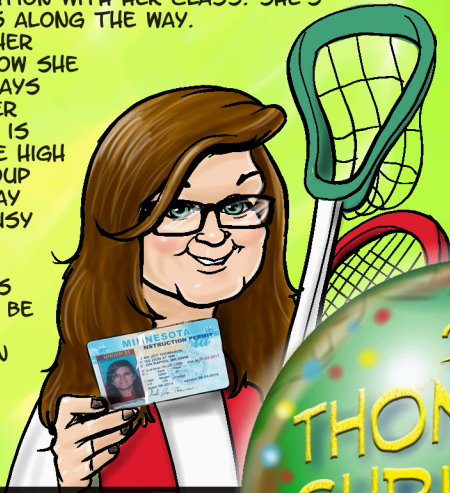


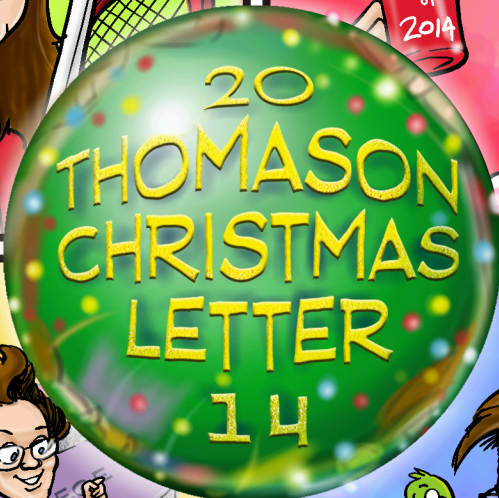
LEAH TURNED **15** THIS YEAR. SHE IS A SOPHOMORE AT COON RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL. TWO BIG THINGS HAPPENED FOR LEAH. FIRST, SHE WAS **CONFIRMED!** SHE STARTED IN CATECHISM AT GRACE IN SIXTH GRADE AND DID ALL FOUR YEARS OF CONFIRMATION WITH HER CLASS. SHE'S MADE GOOD FRIENDS ALONG THE WAY. SECOND, SHE GOT HER **DRIVER'S PERMIT.** NOW SHE IS COUNTING THE DAYS UNTIL SHE GETS HER LICENSE. WHEN SHE IS NOT LEADING IN THE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP OR TEACHING SUNDAY SCHOOL, LEAH IS BUSY WITH TENNIS, LACROSSE, WEIGHT LIFTING AND HONORS CLASSES. SHE WILL BE TAKING A FIRE-FIGHTING COURSE IN THE SPRING, AND STILL PLANS TO PURSUE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE.



ETHAN TURNED **18** THIS YEAR. HE GRADUATED FROM COON RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL. **GO CLASS OF 2014!** (THAT MEANS WE NOW HAVE THREE ADULT CHILDREN!!!) NOW HE IS A FRESHMAN AT **CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD.** GO COBBERS! HE IS MAJORING IN **FRENCH** AND IS INVOLVED IN CHOIR.



ETHAN IS STILL PASSIONATE ABOUT MUSIC AND SOUND MIXING TECHNOLOGY. CHECK OUT HIS LATEST MUSIC AT **ETHANTHOMASON.COM** AND **BANDCAMP.** HE ALSO LOVES TO PLAY GUITAR, WOW PEOPLE WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE AND CUBING ABILITIES, AND EXPERIMENT WITH AS MANY WAYS AS POSSIBLE TO BREW A CUP OF COFFEE!



MICKI TURNED **20** THIS YEAR. SHE HAS HAD AN INCREDIBLY BUSY YEAR NAVIGATING THE PROCESS OF FIGURING OUT THE RIGHT MAJOR WHILE HOLDING DOWN TWO JOBS AND VOLUNTEERING AS A YOUTH LEADER AT CHURCH. SHE STARTED THE YEAR AT **GLOBE UNIVERSITY,** STUDYING TO BE A VET TECH. SHE QUICKLY DISCOVERED THAT THE VET TECH WORLD WAS NOT FOR HER. SHE SPENT THE FALL TAKING GEN ED COURSES AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHILE SHE FIGURED OUT WHAT TO DO NEXT. NOW SHE FEELS CALLED TO BECOME A SOCIAL WORKER. SHE HAS A DEFINITE GIFT FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND HAS A WONDERFUL BALANCE BETWEEN COMPASSION AND ADVOCACY. SHE STARTS AT **CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOOREHEAD** IN JANUARY.



JAMIN TURNED **22** THIS YEAR. YEP, THAT WAS HIS GOLDEN BIRTHDAY! HE SPENT THE YEAR APPLYING AT VARIOUS PLACES TO BE A BARTENDER, BUT NEVER LANDED THE JOB. NOW HE WORKS AT **GAMESTOP.** WE HOPE THIS SEASONAL HELP POSITION TURNS INTO SOMETHING MORE PERMANENT. HIS KNOWLEDGE AND PASSION FOR VIDEO GAMES SHOULD BE A GREAT ASSET FOR THE STORE. HE CONTINUES TO LOVE ANIME, MANGA, CLASSIC ROCK, AND MOVIE TRIVIA. ASK HIM ANYTHING ABOUT THOSE TOPICS, HE'LL KNOW IT. HE CONTINUES TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIS BIRD.



25 YEARS
MAY 20, 1989
STILL GOING...

DEEP in the **BURBS**
toward a missional spirituality in the burbs
STEVE IS WRITING HIS DISSERTATION AND HOPES TO DEFEND IT IN THE SPRING. IF ALL GOES WELL HE WILL BE DR. THOMASON ON MAY 17TH! HE HAS BLOGGED ABOUT HIS RESEARCH PROJECT AT WWW.DEEPINTHEBURBS.COM. FEEL FREE TO CHECK IT OUT AND JOIN IN THE CONVERSATION.

FROM ALL OF US TO ALL OF YOU...
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!